

**Amendments to the Specification:**

*Please replace paragraph [0065] starting at page 16, line 15 with the following amended paragraph:*

[0065] Referring to FIG. 6, an example is provided of a connection through ATM/MPLS edge switch 122 with its MPLS card 204 and control complex 214. ATM/MPLS edge switch 122 is connected to an LSP 686 in MPLS network 104(1). LSP 686 in MPLS network 104(1) is configured as an E-LSP. Cell 620, with header 824 and CLP bit 822, is received by ATM card 200, indicated by arrow 626, which transmits converts it into an internal cell 650 and transmits it to the appropriate egress MPLS card 204, indicated by arrow 628. Internal cell 650, with internal header 656, connection identifier field 658, header 654 and CLP bit 652, is received by MPLS card 204, its contents are transposed and MPLS frame 630, with outer label 634 and EXP field 632, and it is transmitted from MPLS card 204.